

# Disability Benefits 101 – Online Tools for Success

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working with a disability in Arizona



Have you gotten these questions or comments from individuals with disabilities you serve or work with ... ?

- “I would love to work, but I cannot afford to lose my healthcare.”
- “It took me forever to get my SSDI check. I am not working and messing with that.”
- “I am afraid to try working and risk losing my disability check if it doesn’t work out.”
- “What if I work my way off benefits and my disability gets worse again?”
- “I’m afraid if my son works, he will mess up the safety net his benefits provide.”

**You and individuals with disabilities that you serve now have direct access to online tools and information to help plan for and manage the transition to increase their financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency through work.**

<http://www.az.db101.org/doe>

Arizona Disability Benefits 101 (AZ DB101) online tools support individuals with disabilities to make informed decisions about going to work or accepting a job offer by assisting them to plan for employment while learning how work and benefits (cash, medical, etc.) go together.

As a service provider, these tools help you to support individuals with disabilities to maximize their earnings by using work incentives. If you support individuals with disabilities to think about, plan for and maintain employment, consider recommending these tools to individuals you serve and/or incorporating the use of the AZ DB101 during your joint employment planning sessions.

It is recognized that the benefit programs and work earnings interactions are individualized. In addition to allowing users to walk through individualized work scenarios and visualize how their benefits are impacted by work, AZ DB101 identifies specific resources for the user to follow up with depending on their work scenario to assist them in taking the next steps to move forward with a formal plan. For instance, making a referral and scheduling an appointment for benefits and work incentive counseling services.